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SUBJECT: TAXI DRIVERS' DEMANDS

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1. MISSION OFFICER DURING AFTERNOON OF JULY 8 SAW 100 H150 TAXIS ASSEMBLED OUTSIDE MENELIK PALACE. ON QUESTIONING CABBIES AS TO REASON FOR GATHERING, OFFICER WAS TOLD THAT TAXI DRIVERS HAVE DEMANDED THAT THEIR GASOLINE RATION CURRENTLY 20 LITRES PER DAY) BE INCREASED AND THAT THEY BE ALLOWED TO RAISE PRICES.

2. FSL REPORTS THAT DIRG HAS ORDERED TRAFFIC POLICE TO CRACK DOWN ON UNLICENSED TAXI DRIVERS. ACCORDINGLY, TRAFFIC POLICE HAVE REPORTEDLY BEEN STOPPING TAXIS FOR LICENSE CHECKS. FSL REPORTS APPROXIMATELY 50 CABBIES WERE DETAINED BRIEFLY AT SECOND POLICE STATION IN ADDIS ON JULY 8.

3. OIL COMPANY SOURCES TELL US THAT EPMG STILL RESISTING THEIR PROPOSALS FOR SMALLER CONVOYS RESULTING IN MORE EFFECTIVE USE OF TANKER TRUCKS. MEANWHILE, DEMAND/CONSUMPTION OF FUEL REMAINS AHEAD OF VOLUME CURRENTLY REACHING ADDIS AND OTHER INLAND DESTINATIONS FROM COAST AND, WE BELIEVE, STOCKS BEING

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FURTHER DEPLETED TO MAKE UP SHORTAGE. THEY SHOULD NOW BE GETTING

RATHER LOW.

4. BRITISH EMBOFF TODAY, JULY . SAW APPROXIMATELY 200 TAXIS
OUTSIDE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS. TAXI DRIVERS TOLD HIM THEY
WERE THERE PROTESTING NEW EPMG DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIREMENTS.
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